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County wants race track, but not in Romulus

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The prospect of a horse racing track proposed in Huron Township surprised Romulus officials Monday, when news broke that a prominent banker was planning such a development miles from where a Romulus track was planned.

Mayor Alan Lambert, who was incensed when officials from the Canadian-based Magna Entertainment backed out of plan for a horse racing track in Romulus, said he's not angry about the Huron Township plan, but said he's be curious to know more details about the land deal being negotiated by Republic Bank Founder Jerry Campbell and Wayne County, which owns the 24-acre parcel of land near Interstate 275 and Eureka Road.

The site is where the new thoroughbred racing track would be constructed.

"We're still disappointed about the track (falling apart in Romulus)," he said. "But we're still working with Magna on a retail facility for the land, and we're excited about this."

Campbell presented a plan to the Michigan Racing Commission outlining further details of his plan.

Officials from Magna Entertainment Group in July backed out of a deal to build Michigan Downs, a \$100 million horseracing track slated for a parcel of land near Vining and Wick roads, near Interstate 94.

The announcement that Magna would back out of the deal came on the heels of a lower-than-expected earnings announcement by the firm.

At that time, Magna officials informed the Michigan Office of the Racing Commissioner that they would no longer seek a racing permit for a Romulus location. That leaves a racing license for another firm to pursue.

Weeks after the deal fell through, Magna officials traveled to Romulus for a series of meetings to determine what to do with the property they purchased for the track, and plans for a high-end retail facility began to take shape.

Sharon Banks, the spokeswoman for Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano, confirmed that the county is in talks with Campbell to sell or lease the Huron Township site, but could not say if the two parties have agreed on a price.

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Cable cost for city will increase

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The cost of keeping cable television and Internet hook-ups at Romulus City Hall will increase because of the extensive cable franchising agreement signed into law last year.

Romulus City Council members voted Monday night to amend the city budget to pay for the cost of cable at several municipal buildings.

Roger Kadau, the city communications director, said the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act of 2006 effectively negated any local control the city had over cable connections.

"We used to negotiate with Comcast about the fees, but because of the agreement, we can't do that anymore," he said. "It's going to cost \$269.70 more per month to keep the existing connections."

City Hall has several cable connections to allow employees to monitor news and weather, and to allow them access to information. Under the statewide franchising agreement, local governments were limited in their negotiations with cable providers to provide the service.

When the agreement was enacted, it allowed Comcast to charge for connections that had been covered by the negotiated agreement between the city and company.

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Coming home

The Romulus High School Homecoming Parade took place last week when floats, fancy cars, officials and royalty made their way down the parade route. The Romulus Middle School Bulldogs Band, above, played tunes for the revelers. Several floats built by students at the high school were enjoyed by all the spectators.



Area center will be 'member-based'

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Partnerships with other area municipalities are likely to play a large part in ensuring the success of the new multi-million dollar city recreation center.

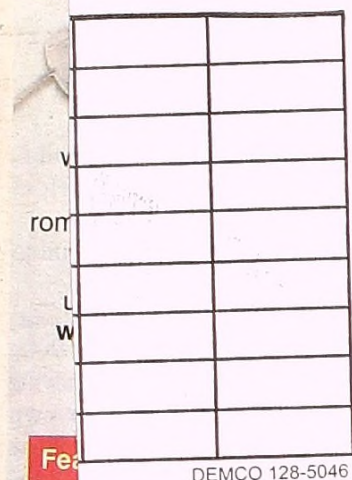
Mayor Alan Lambert said the facility is large enough and will offer enough services to attract Romulus residents and those from other cities and townships.

"It's mainly the size of the facility that we think will bring other people in," he said. "It's

always been our goal to bring in other people – but Romulus residents will be charged the lowest rates (for yearly memberships)."

The recreation center, which

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Belleville charter amendment goes to voters

Belleville residents will see a ballot question for a city charter amendment at the polls on Nov. 6.

According to City Clerk/Treasurer, Diana Kollmeyer, who is also acting city manager, The Committee to 'Keep Our Public Safety' filed an initiative petition to amend the Belleville City Charter to require voter approval before the elimination or contracting of existing police and fire ser-

vices.

"They had more than the amount of signatures needed," said Kollmeyer. "It was then sent to the attorney general's office for language approval and the issue was it's in violation."

According to the Department of Attorney General, "it's inconsistent" with the Home Rule City Act and other applicable law. However, the law requires that

each proposed amendment submitted by initiative petition be submitted to the voters of the city, even if the governor has declined to approve the charter amendment.

Belleville city attorney Tim Cronin advised the city council members that if the amendment is approved by voters, he would file a challenge because it's not consistent with state law and it's not

going to amend the charter.

"Regardless of whether or not people vote for or against it, it won't come to fruition," said Kollmeyer. "But, if it's approved it will cost the taxpayers dollars for the city attorney."

Mayor Tom Fielder said the city council should be the people deciding on these kinds of policies.

"We can't go contrary to state law," he said. "The petition system

requires us to put it on the ballot, but basically it has no effect because it won't be enforced."

Fielder said he doesn't want to see residents waste their money.

"This would be a financial burden on the city to fight something like this," he said. "We'd be paying money to fight against our own actions and how much is not clear. I don't want to take a chance to see how much money this might cost."



Adopted

Deb Mounsey, a first grade teacher at Rawsonville Elementary School, was the recipient of \$1,175 worth of merchandise as the winner of the OfficeMax Adopt a Classroom initiative. The office supplies included: a new chair, a computer printer, a digital camera, 10 pairs of children's scissors, a labeler, a pencil sharpener and more. OfficeMax Incorporated began the A Day Made Better campaign Oct. 2 to eliminate "teacher-funded" classrooms. To call attention to this issue, more than 4,000 OfficeMax associates worked secretly with principals to ensure the element of surprise to honor selected teachers. One thousand teachers at schools across the United States were surprised simultaneously with in-class ceremonies featuring more than \$1 million worth of donated school supplies nationwide. It is the largest single-day school advocacy campaigns to date. Mounsey, above, accepts her winnings from Travis Meyer, assistant sales director of the Canton OfficeMax Branch.

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Walking to help

The Community United Methodist Church one again organized the annual CROP Walk on Oct. 7. This year, the route for the walk was 4.5 miles – a decidedly difficult stroll given record-setting high temperatures. The walk ended in the Lower Huron Metro Park. The walk takes place each year to provide unity and shine a light on the problem of hunger in the area. The money generated by the walk will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul in Romulus and Belleville, the Emergency Food Closet, the Church of God food pantry and the Helping Hands Thrift Store in Romulus. The walk has taken place in the Belleville-Romulus area for 24 years.



Racing

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“They’re in negotiations right now,” she said.

The race track in Romulus was supposed to be an integral part of a “racino” gambling area in the city. The track would have been located adjacent to the pro-

posed casino and hotel the city is pursuing with the Hannahville Indian Tribe.

Romulus Economic Development Director Tim Keyes worked extensively with Magna on the track proposal, but said he knew little about Jerry Campbell’s plan except that it included retail space.

“Magna is the biggest and best developer of horse racing tracks

in the world, and they didn’t feel they could make it work here,” he said. He said he wondered what would make the prospects for a Huron Township track different.

Banks said that question would have to be asked of Campbell, who is developing the site.

Lambert said he suspects some of the difference may be in the price of the land.

“They (Wayne County) may be in a position to sell the land very inexpensively,” he said. “We just can’t do that in Romulus.”

Lambert said he is curious to learn more about the proposed track – which would still be close enough to the city to be an asset to the area.

“We’re working with Magna on other developments,” he said. “We’ve moved on from this.”

Cable

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Some city officials expressed dismay about the additional charges.

“I think this is something we used to get,” said Councilman William Crova. “I’m really upset by the actions of Comcast.”

Cable hook-ups at the city fire station and police station are not

affected by the agreement.

Though many other municipalities have signed agreements with other cable providers, special circumstances have limited the options of officials when it comes to cable, Crova said.

Because a cable provider would have to re-create the infrastructure and wiring currently owned by Comcast, the cost would be prohibitive for a cable provider. Romulus has a population of only 23,000 resi-

dents, which means a cable provider would gain relatively few new customers to pay for the work.

“We also have the airport in the middle of the city, and they would have to wire around it,” said Kadau.

Nevertheless, the city did sign an agreement with AT&T to provide service, but that company has not yet started work on re-wiring the city.

The franchising act specifies

that all cities, townships, and villages must use the agreement without substantive changes.

The cable agreement was put into place in 2006 to secure \$600 million in investment by AT&T, which could lead to about 2,000 new jobs in Michigan.

When the legislation was under debate in Lansing, most municipalities opposed the agreement, but it was approved by a nearly 2-1 margin last December.

Center

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has been under construction for nearly two years on Wayne and Northline roads, is nearly complete and will likely open in December, said Tim Keyes, the director of economic development for the city.

“We always wanted this to be a membership-based facility,” he said. “The cost of running the facility will be paid for by members – not by taxpayers.”

Romulus, however, with about 23,000 residents has a comparatively small pool of potential members to support such a large facility. Keyes said municipalities within 5 miles of the center could bring in additional members.

“In that 5-mile area, there are about 50,000 people,” he said.

Lambert said the success of the facility is not dependent on non-resident membership.

“We’re working on membership costs right now with a management company,” he said.

The facility is expected to cover an 11-acre parcel of land, and the interior is expected to be equal to a high-end health club.

The building – which was once a warehouse owned by the

Overhead Crane Co. – will be about 90,000 square feet, not including outdoor amenities. When the facility opens in the winter, outdoor pools and other amenities will not likely be finished, Keyes said.

The project was financed by the Tax Increment Financing Authority, which city officials said has infused \$18 million into the facility.

The facility will have a main gym, a teen gym, Nautilus equipment, an Olympic-sized pool, a kiddie pool, a hot tub, a fountain-like pool, a .1-mile track, a rock climbing wall, rest and relaxation areas, a banquet hall and meeting rooms.

Lambert said the next course of business is staffing.

“We’re going to need a lot of people to run the facility,” he said.

Councilman William Wadsworth said he would prefer that Romulus residents be considered first for jobs; Lambert said the staffing considerations are under negotiations with a Baltimore-based professional sports management firm that will ultimately operate the entire facility.

A contract with that firm will require the approval of the Romulus City Council. Keyes said he believes a contract will be before the council in 30 days.

News in brief

Oakwood offers adult flu shots

Oakwood Healthcare System is hosting several flu vaccination clinics through the month of October.

The vaccines are intended for adults 18 and older who want to be protected from the flu or pneumonia. The cost of the shot is \$25 and \$40 for the pneumonia vaccinations. Both are a covered benefit for those who have Medicare Part B and bring their card to the clinic.

Clinic dates, times and locations are:

From 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 16 at the Riverview Senior Center Municipal Building, 14100 Civic Park Dr., Riverview.

From 9:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 21 at St. Paschal Church, 22210 Champaign, Taylor.

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at First Presbyterian Church, 600 North Brady, Dearborn.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at U of M Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Ford Senior Center, 6750 Troy, Taylor.

For more information, visit www.oakwood.org or call (313) 586-5492.

Clifford is YWCA Woman of the Year

The YWCA of Western Wayne County announced that Carolyn Clifford, a reporter and anchor for WXYZ-TV 7, has been named Woman of the Year.

Clifford won the award for her coverage of health-related issues and women’s issues for the ABC affiliate.

Clifford will be honored at the YWCA Women of Achievement Awards on Nov. 16 at the Dearborn Inn.

The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. The awards presentation begins at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$400 for tables of 10.

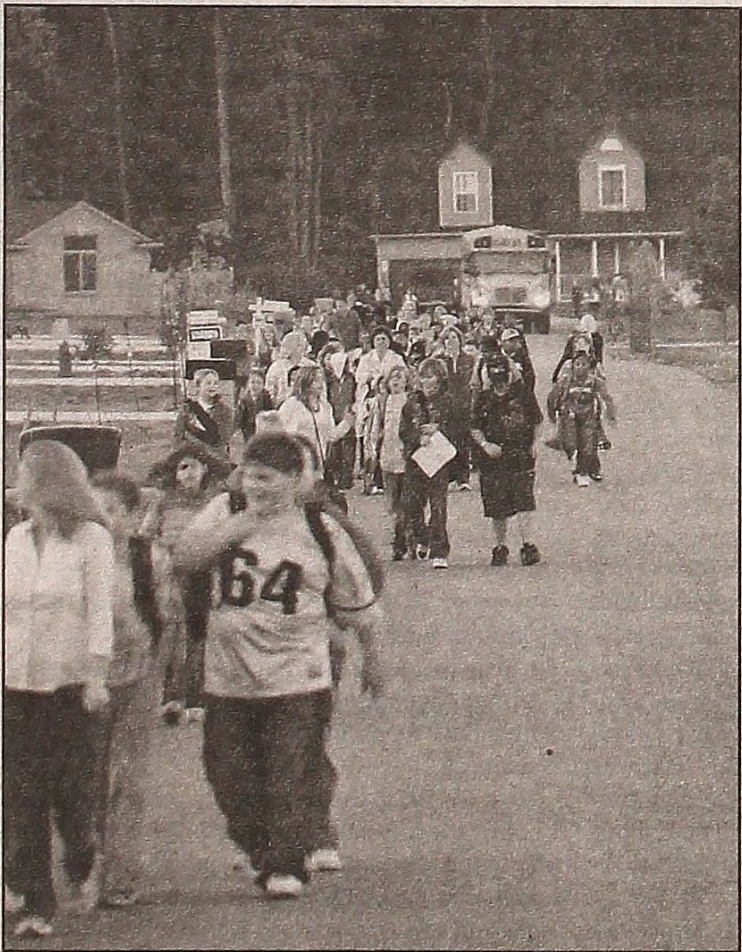
For more information, call (313) 561-4110.

Van Buren haunted cabin, trail

Van Buren Township will host a ‘Haunted Cabin and Trail of Terror’ from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at Van Buren Park.

Tickets are \$8 per person and sales will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. This event is not recommended for small children.

For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 699-8921.



Old school

More than 125 students at Barth Elementary School took part in the time-honored tradition of walking to school last Thursday. The students were participating with 42 other countries and millions of children, parents, teachers, and community leaders in International Walk to School Month, a tradition that began in Great Britain to encourage a more walkable world – one community at a time.

OPINION

Our choices are...

Voters in the City of Westland will have busy fingers on Election Day, when they cast their ballots for a mayor, clerk and for four city council members.

Local elections are always important, but this one may be even more so given the political foolishness that is taking place in Lansing. When state leaders can't agree on anything other than to point fingers and second guess their decisions, it is crucial to have the right people minding the store at home.

Fortunately, there are plenty of qualified candidates running for office this year. There is a good mix of experience and youth in the mix for all the open seats. Here are who we think would best fill them:

William Wild for mayor

Wild and his challenger, Charles Pickering, both have experience in city government. Pickering can point to more, with 16 years on the council as well as four years in the mayoral seat. Wild, though, has served for six years on the council, about nine months as mayor and two years as planning commissioner prior to his election.

This decision is based on more recent history. We don't like the way Pickering reacted to a proposed liquor license transfer to the Showcase Cinema. By adhering to old school politics, he potentially hurt a long-standing business in the city. This is a time when businesses need help, not obstacles.

Wild, on the other hand, has reacted quickly and showed an open mind in decisions he's made while in office. His closure of Central City Park was probably the best way to handle that inherited problem. He's also pushed for development on Ford Road from Central City Parkway to Wayne Road—a goal that dates back to his role with the city Downtown Development Authority (DDA). We also like his commitment to keeping residents informed through open office hours and the appointment of Courtney Conover as deputy mayor.

His approach to government can be summed up by changes he made at his Wayne-based business, Scrapbusters, before he was appointed mayor. The market changes, and he adapted his business to meet a new market.

This should be the model for modern government: quick, lean, flexible and open. William Wild is the best candidate for that.

Eileen DeHart for Clerk

This should be a easy decision for voters. DeHart has done an excellent job during the past four years. She has managed an office that has reduced costs at every turn, handled several elections with aplomb, and pushed for continued education to keep up with modern trends. She will continue to serve Westland residents well.

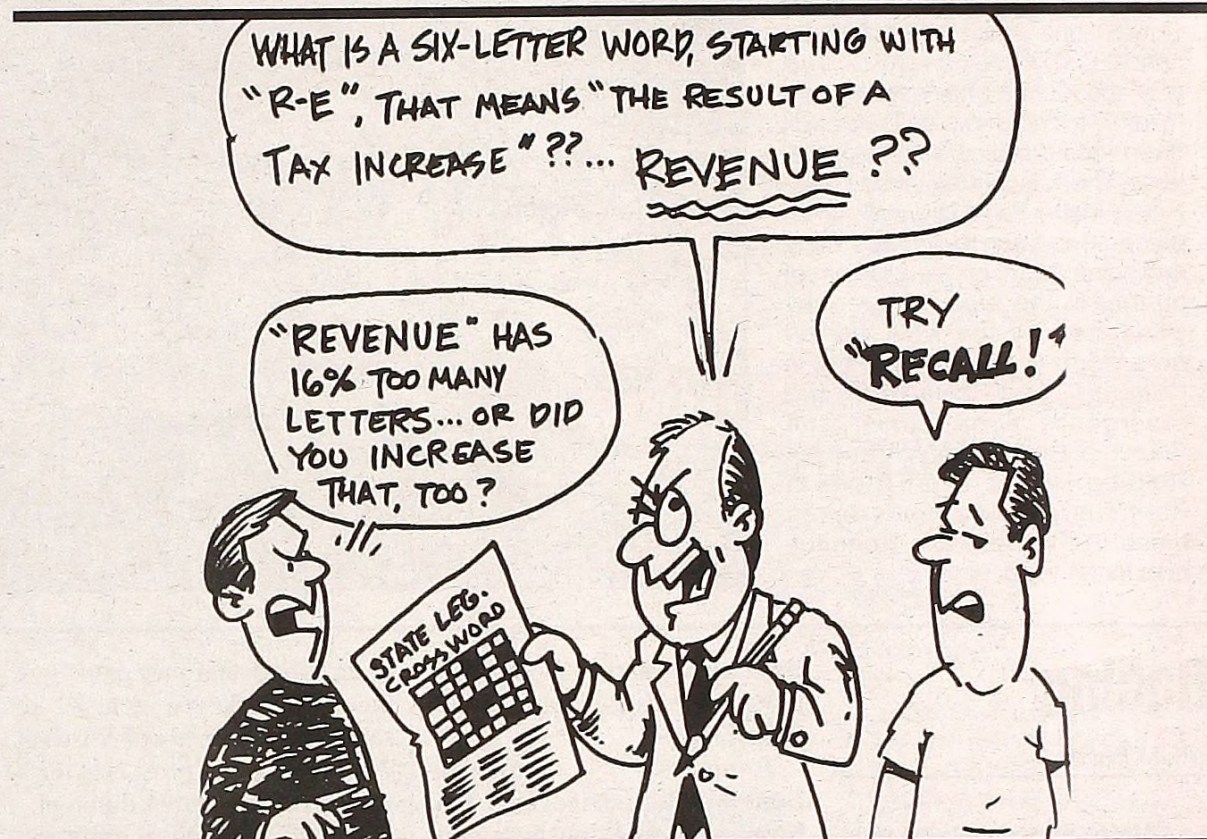
City Council: some old, some new, some in-between.

There are plenty of intriguing candidates seeking the four open seats on the city council. Given the personalities that remain, we think this is a perfect time to mix some experience with a fresh face and allow those who have tasted the council since last year to continue their service.

Jim Godbout will continue to serve an important role on the council. Always a voice of reason, he understands the main issues the city will face in the future: smart fiscal decisions, technology and recycling. Hopefully, the economic climate will now be right for the city to get a curbside recycling program—something Godbout has long advocated—off the ground. We like his ideas about better marketing the area near Westland Mall and his understanding of the needs of the city infrastructure, too.

Gary Bulson will provide a positive influence to the city council. He has shown a tremendous dedication already to community service as a business leader active with many groups since 1985. He says he views this as an extension of that service and, if so, Westland residents

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Once more, but with feeling

Earlier this year I lamented the fact that it looked like it would be another lackluster campaign season in the City of Wayne.

Apparently, I was mistaken.

What I meant then was that it looked like the same cast of characters vying for the same spots, everyone would bank on their name recognition and nobody would have to campaign hard. Anyone who has looked around the city, though, can see that's not the case. There's an actual campaign going on out there.

The bottom line is that there are five viable candidates—Al Damitio, Mathew Mulholland, Susan Rowe, Beverly Shackelford and Michael Smith—vying for three open seats.

As always, there are good and bad things with any election cycle. I like some of what I've seen so far, and have to shake my head at some other issues.

First of all, I like all the positive energy. The candidates I've talked to so far have talked about issues, not personalities. Even the newcomers seeking to oust an incumbent haven't resorted to dirty tactics, and I appreciate that. I can't stand negativity in that way.

Those newcomers are out there working, too, to

get their name out. They're walking the neighborhoods, they're attending the meetings (in Mulholland's case) they're doing more than I've seen from council candidates in the past. I always like it when candidates appear to be more than a name; if they're willing to work hard to get the job, it shows they're willing to work hard to keep the job—and that means working to improve the city and justify any votes cast for them.

If there's a disappointment so far, it's that candidates have had to talk about the same issues as they have in the past. The big one is the master plan. This outdated document comes up every campaign season, and it deserves better treatment than that. It's like a blueprint for the future, a suggestion of the way things could turn out and it doesn't make sense to not update something that's been around for as long as I have (that's 1968, for anyone who cares).

City officials have said they don't need to update it because the land uses haven't changed. That's true. But they could—and they probably should. It's well past time to look at areas of the city that aren't

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Time for recall is November 2008

Due to the increase of taxes and the lack of cooperation from state elected officials to solve lingering budgetary issues in Michigan, a grassroots campaign has begun to recall dozens of politicians from their elected posts ranging from Gov. Jennifer Granholm to State Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville).

The anger and frustration felt by thousands, if not millions, of Michigan residents about the performance of elected officials during the \$1.75 billion budget shortfall negotiations are deserved and genuine. No matter if your personal politics are more akin to Howard Dean or Ann Coulter, the state was embarrassed on a national level by the constant posturing of politicians being more concerned about making the other party look bad than working collectively as legislators.

With all due respect to those frustrations, voters need to think twice before launching a recall campaign.

On the surface the ability to recall, or remove and replace an elected official before the end of their term may seem appealing. Officials who have participated in conduct detrimental to their role in office should be thrown out on their ear. I just don't know if simply disagreeing with a policy or a single decision warrants a recall.

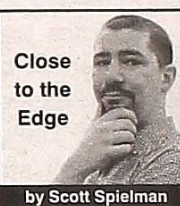
The Founding Fathers of this nation devised a system to remove officials; it's called the vote. While

18 states have the recall process, it is worth noting that no such animal exists in federal government.

Millions of voters had their say on Granholm and the members of the State House and Senate in November 2006. To recall her now, or any legislator, is tantamount to buying a suit or a dress from a department store, wearing the clothing for nearly a year and attempting to take it back for a full refund. Voters have made their decision. Live with the consequences.

In addition to the extravagant costs to successfully operate a recall campaign, the measure also allows the good intentions of sincere residents to be taken advantage of by special interest groups on the right and left who want to weaken candidates who may want to seek re-election or run for another office. If, for instance, your passion for recalling an elected official is spurred by the recent tax hike, it oxymoronic to spend more taxpayers' money and efforts to remove a legislator who voted for a tax increase.

You have every right to not vote for a legislator again whom you, as a constituent feel, did not live up to their campaign promises or up to your standards of support. Save the recall attempts for November 2008 at the polls.



by Scott Spielman



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Campaign

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exactly developed to their best potential and try to figure out what can happen there. It's time to look at the area along the river, the downtown, places like the Cadillac Apartments or Westchester Towers and try to prepare for A Better Way. It would even be prudent to look at the Ford Motor Co. property, if for no other reason than to plan for a worst case scenario. Looking ahead makes change that much easier if it occurs.

I had a disheartening realization recently about another aspect of planning—the Andrews University study. This was one of my two favorite projects to take place in the city since I've been here, a process so filled with energy and ideas that it gave me hope for the future. Eighteen months later, it's been reduced to a campaign issue. Good Lord, we can't let that continue.

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Van Buren Fire Department Lt. Dan Besson, left, Fox 2 news anchor Rona Savage, Capt. Dave McNally, Firefighter Ken Burke, Firefighter Curtis Lunsford, Firefighter Charles Dewitt and Chris Wiggins, citizen fire academy graduate and reserve police officer, enjoy the Fox 2 studio tour.

Firefighters receive media training

Members of the Van Buren Township Fire-Rescue were invited to participate in a special training opportunity recently.

Since the department regularly uses public information, public education and public relation techniques to educate others through local media outlets, Rona Savage, a Fox 2 Detroit weekend anchor and “Michigan Most Wanted” investigative reporter, invited Lt. Dan Besson and other fire department personnel to visit the Fox 2 studios in Southfield.

Participants were introduced

to training topics relevant to television media including: transformation from national outlets to area programming, research and assignments, news production and use of the Internet as a media outlet. Savage also provided the group with a tour of the Fox 2 operation center, including the brand new studio.

In addition to the tour, participants were introduced to Savage's weekend co-anchor Robin Schwartz; sports reporters Woody Woodruffe and Ryan Ermanni; Justin Ryan, a Weather Authority

Meteorologist; as well as the many faces that are behind the scenes of every newscast. At the conclusion of the training they were invited to watch a live newscast from the studio just a few feet from the anchors, according to officials.

Members of the fire department took full advantage of information, they said. Both Savage and Schwartz are EMMY award winners and proved to be excellent hosts who provided suggestions on using the media for future projects, according to officials.

Election

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should embrace his energy and common sense. We like his philosophy on running the city as a business. We like his idea to limit the amount of funding one can spend on city elections, too.

Dewey Reeves will provide a unique voice to the board. With 27 years in the law enforcement sector, it goes without saying that he will protect public safety interests in the city. We also like his desire to increase the city fund balance, when possible and ensure city services will not be impacted by difficult budget cycles. His presence since he was appointed to council—thoughtful and concise—ensures he will make the right decisions.

Those are some of the reason we think Bill Johnson has earned a right to stay, too. His emphasis on common sense will help the council and his experience with labor unions at Ford Motor will be a benefit, too. You can't always control development, but his desire to limit strip malls and condominiums in favor of single family developments would be a good thing for Westland, as well.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of eight (8).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Clair seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of September 4, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2007 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Field Operations, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

On Thursday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m. the grand opening of the Wayne County Clerk Northville Township Satellite Office located in Northville Township Municipal Office on Six Mile Road.

On Tuesday, October 9th at Belleville High School the Van Buren Public Safety, Midwest Medflight and Huron Valley Ambulance will conduct a training crash scene scenario. The demonstration will take place in front of Belleville High School with students and faculty members being involved.

Van Buren Township is in receipt of a check in the amount of \$122,758 from the Township's General Liability Insurance carrier the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. The distribution was due to these contributing factors: the longevity with MMRMA, the loss history with the community, and management practices.

Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Agency has announced Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation has been awarded a mini grant in the amount of \$2,000.

A letter from a senior resident thanking the township and Senior Director Linda Combs and staff for the senior transportation program, this program transports her to and from doctor appointments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the 2008 Smart Municipal Contract and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the October 2, 2007 voucher list as amended. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the August 2007 Public Safety Report and August 2007 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Board Meeting of Tuesday, November 6, 2007 and the Work Study Session of Monday, November 5, 2007 has been canceled due to the Wayne County Community College Millage Renewal Special Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

Trustee Clair announced on Tuesday, October 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Huron Valley Conservation Association is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at the Van Buren Eagles Hall on Beck Road with proceeds to be used for educational school programs.

Trustee Clair stated a group of citizens guided by the Huron River Watershed Council are continuing to collect water samples from Griggs Drain to further assess the water flowing into the Huron River.

Director Ross announced the following events. The “Not So Scary Haunted Forest” will be held on Saturday, October 6th from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. The “Trick or Treat Night” through Van Buren Township Hall has been changed this year to be part of the “Not So Scary Haunted Forest” from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. Also, the “Haunted Forest” will be held Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October beginning on October 12th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. For further information on programs and events contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

The Citizens Helping Improve Public Safety (C.H.I.P.S.) is hosting an Autumn Festival Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, October 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church located at 417 Charles Street in the City of Belleville. The funds raised will be used to purchase an Emergency Radio Network for the Van Buren Public School District.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident inquired about the release of bond money. Supervisor King stated there is a one bond release check on this voucher list, which will be available on this Friday. The second bond will be released after if all conditions have been met and approved by the court.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Publish: October 11, 2007



A Sumpter man received severe burns in this Oct. 3 crash.

Man burned in crash

A 59-year-old Sumpter Township man is recovering after he received third degree burns to his legs and feet, along with second degree burns to his neck and face in a recent car crash.

According to township officials, the Van Buren Township Fire Department was dispatched at about 5:01 a.m. on Oct. 3 to eastbound I-94 near Belleville Road in the township. Witnesses reported that a man was trapped in a burning sport utility vehicle.

All three lanes of eastbound I-94 were blocked by the crash that involved two sport utility vehicles. One vehicle caught on fire and trapped the Sumpter Township man

inside. Officers worked to keep the fire away from his legs. He was then transported to the University of Michigan Burn Center, according to officials.

The driver of the second vehicle—a 48-year-old Ann Arbor man—was also trapped in his vehicle. He was extricated through the use of the Jaws of Life and transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for serious injuries and an altered level of consciousness, possibly resulting from a head injury, officials said.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Michigan State Police. For more information, contact the township public safety department at (734) 699-8939.

Schools planning to help homeless students in district

Andrew Cipolla
Staff Writer

It's not uncommon to find the homeless in dark allies, on street corners and in abandoned buildings. It might come as a surprise to find them in classrooms in the Van Buren School District.

Pete Lazaroff Jr., superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools, told school board members Sept. 24 there are students who are technically homeless living in the district, and officials are taking steps to provide some help to them.

"It's just very sad to see families coming in...that have to be classified as homeless because they've lost their home and are now living with family or friends in the community, due to job loss," Lazaroff said.

According to Dr. Susan Fleming, supervisor of special services for the district, the number of homeless students this year has doubled from September of last year. While it's too soon to tell, Lazaroff predicts the numbers will continue to increase. Last year a total of 20 families were registered as homeless.

"I think his projection is right," Fleming said. "I know many that are homeless go unidentified." Her department is working with four registered families, but

Fleming said she expects that number to double this week.

"What we are having difficulty with is people expressing the need," Fleming said. "I think it's much higher than that. Usually what happens in the homeless population is they try to hide the fact that they don't have a permanent residence."

A number of things go into identifying the homeless and Fleming said the special services department is currently working on staff training to help identify families that could benefit from these services. This training includes understanding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The act details the classification criteria for being homeless. Once a family is registered the school district is required to provide them with transportation to and from school. Other services may include free meals, providing school supplies and clothing. These services can still be provided after a family gets permanent housing if they are still needed, she added.

If parents don't have the proper paperwork (birth certificate, Social Security card) to enroll their children, they can still be enrolled.

"Quite often in these cases, whether there was a house fire, or

things got lost or moved...there is abuse or fleeing to a shelter; they may not be able to retrieve records," Fleming said.

Susan Farber, principal at Rawsonville Elementary where a number of homeless students attend, said these students should be treated with extra special love and attention. Farber also explained a number of ways teachers identify these students.

If a child is unwilling to talk about where he or she lives, if the child has been to many schools in a period of time, if they don't bathe regularly and if they don't seem to have proper clothing, they may not have a permanent residence she said.

"What happens with these students is some of them become very highly mobile, meaning they don't stay in one place or once school district very long," Fleming said. "Their education attainment is negatively impacted – significantly." Fleming said each move sets a student back four to six months in his or her education.

"I think part of the difficulty is saying 'homeless'," Fleming said. "To use a another term would be less threatening."

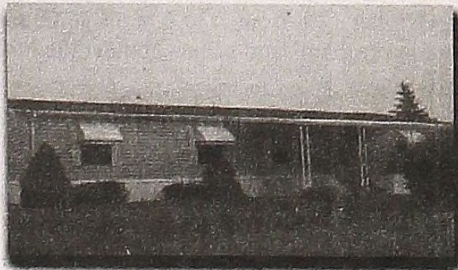
Fleming, Lazaroff and Farber all agree the increase in the number of these students is due to the poor economic situation in the State of Michigan.

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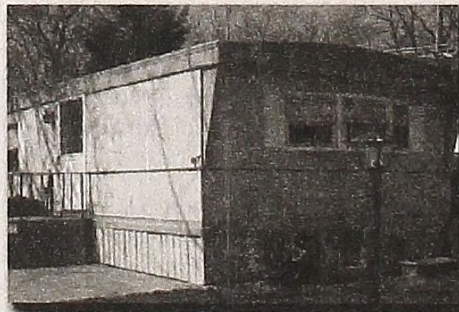
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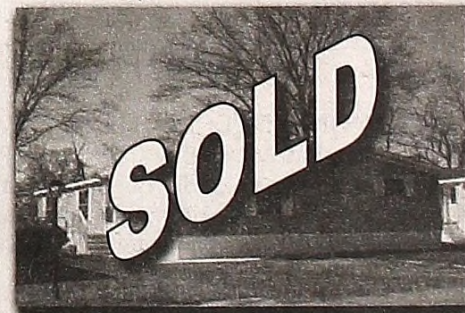
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THE SCENE

The Heartbreak Kid

Film fails to live up to hype

Jennifer Busch
Staff Writer

The Heartbreak Kid is not *There's Something about Mary*, that's for sure.

Starring Ben Stiller, the film is the Farrelly Brothers' ninth directorial collaboration. This one, about the pitfalls of a hasty marriage, may leave audiences wondering: When did the magic die?

Stiller reprises his role as the love-addled every man who just can't catch a break. He plays 40-year-old Eddie Cantrow, a man on the verge of a nervous breakdown because he's yet to met Mrs. Right.

Enter Lila (Malin Ackerman), an environmental researcher whom Eddie meets while trying to save her from a purse-snatcher. The two embark on a fairy tale courtship that is cut short when Lila tells Eddie that her company is moving her to Holland. It seems the only other employee up for the assignment is married and, per company policy, no married employees are ever forced to relocate.

As if this weren't enough hustle, bullying him toward these sudden nuptials are Stiller's womanizing father Doc, played with characteristic panache by real life dad Jerry Stiller, and advice from his best friend Mac, played by Rob Corddry, who is newly wedded himself and looking for scapegoats to share his misery.

Caught up in the moment—and desperate for some life validation—Eddie proposes, and he and his new wife take off on a four-week honeymoon to a Mexican paradise.

This is when the 'fun' really gets rolling.

In the first 24-hours of married life, Eddie finds out that his hot, young wife is irritating, unemployed and a recovering drug addict.

Lila, played perfectly by Ackerman, accuses Eddie of being a control freak when he advises her to wear sunscreen, and likes to have her hand held while she eats. She also sings along with the car radio. All the time. To every song.

Further complicating matters

is the fact that while Lila, cooped up in their hotel room recovering from a sunburn Eddie "tricked" her into, Cantrow meets the girl of his dreams. Miranda, played by Michelle Monaghan, is opposite of Lila in every way: rational, funny, down to earth and employed. Eddie convinces himself that Miranda is the woman he was fated to meet and begins courting her on the sly.

What makes this movie so disappointing is that, as far as romantic comedies go, this one should've been a grand slam. A man meets the girl of his dreams on his honeymoon? There's potential there. Still, The Farrellys manage to botch it.

Poor pacing, an off-track second act and an irresolute ending are partly to blame, as is Stiller's lackluster performance of a worn out persona. Is anyone else out there sick of seeing this guy play it straight? To make this role work, Ackerman would've had to be less likable, Stiller more likable, or this other woman really something.

Although Miranda is likable, she definitely not the type to turn



Eddie (Ben Stiller, left) finds that life with his new bride Lila (Malin Ackerman, right) is not exactly a honeymoon.

a man's life on its axis.

Thankfully, the script does have some funny moments, though, mostly because Ackerman is such a joy to watch. A comic natural, she never quite lets Lila stray off into the arena of the super spoof, managing to hold on to her character's basic humanity. This plays a lot better in the face of Eddie's frantic betrayal and, though she sometimes reminds the audience so much of Cameron Diaz it's eerie, the scenes between her and Stiller are some of the funniest in the film.

Be prepared for jokes that stray into the revolting, however. In typical Farrelly boy fashion, no comedy is ever complete without jokes so crude the audience finds itself averting its eyes. Is this even funny anymore? Didn't shock humor go out when Howard Stern moved to satellite?

What the Farrellys and Stiller both seem to have forgotten is that comedy, like marriage, is essentially just follow through.

When did the magic die? In this film, as in Stiller's short, ill-fated marriage, it died before it ever really began.

What a Dickens

New director signs on for A Christmas Carol in Wayne

Lisa Gibson
Staff Writer

Angela Hillman is already getting ready for Christmas.

Hillman will direct the classic Dickens tale *A Christmas Carol*, when the Actors Community Theater bring it to the State Wayne Theater. The play opens in December, but what's happening now, she said, is her favorite part of the process—seeing her vision come to life, day by day.

"Theater moves me in a way nothing else can," she said.

Hillman is back from a short-lived retirement from directing because she said she missed her artistic process and was bored creatively. An English teacher at Livonia Franklin High School, Hillman sent an email to Colleen Meyer this summer to see if she needed a director for any upcoming shows.

Meyer, the arts and entertainment supervisor for the City of Wayne, immediately said 'yes.' The two have known each other for more than 10 years—Meyers was a former student.

"It's exciting for both of us to be working together again," Hillman said.

Hillman was the director of the Franklin Players theater program for 14 years. She directed

28 plays there, everything from *Peter Pan* to *Grease*.

"We pulled off some pretty amazing things at the high school level, but we never considered it to be high school theater," Hillman said. "We all performed our jobs as pros."

While teaching at Franklin, Hillman was the director of the theatre program known as the Franklin Players. For 14 years, she helped the students to make magic and memories. From *Peter*

Pan to *Grease*, each production has been a work of art and has carved a place in Franklin history.

Hillman was known for going the extra mile for her performances. For *Peter Pan*, she hired a professional Las Vegas flying crew to create the flying sequences. In the final show of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Hillman rented a 2,200-pound camel that made its debut on the Franklin

stage—much to the amazement of the audience.

"I am proud of the things we accomplished at high school," she said. "We all shared some very special memories together."

Hillman was chosen as the Livonia Teacher of the Year for 2005-2006.

"Teaching and being able to make a difference in the lives of others is an honor to me," she said. "This award was a very special experience, one that I will

not forget. I was mostly happy for my parents, who couldn't have been more proud of this accomplishment."

She's already making a mark with the ACT theater group, too.

"(She) always knows what she wants," said Stage Manager Dan Fowler. "She has an exact image in her head, and she is able to translate to me what she wants."

Hillman said she's always been a hands-on director. She always moves around onstage and shows actors exactly what's in her head. Rehearsals are high energy with full out performances.

"As a director, if I am energized, committed and loving what I do, it will rub off on the people involved in the show," she said.

When not in the classroom or on stage, Hillman writes in her spare time. She's searching for a publisher for her series of children's books and working on her own play.

"I am actually stuck on page 22 of a play I have been writing for the past year and a half," she said. "When I get inspired, I write a little more. Who knows? Maybe I will finish and direct it one day."

A Christmas Carol opens on Dec. 7 at the State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.



Angela Hillman

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SPORTS

Rockets blast Rocks, win homecoming bout

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Welcome home, John Glenn Rockets.

Sure Friday was homecoming night, welcoming back John Glenn alumnus. But it also marked a return of sorts of the old Rocket football days. The team never completely disappeared off of anyone's radar, but there is something special about this year's team.

Glenn demonstrated its return to old-school days with a 43-6 victory over the Salem Rocks.

Senior running back C.J. Woodford was a key component in the victory. He racked up 154 yards and scored four touchdowns—two rushing and two receiving.

"C.J. is the kind of player that when he puts his mind to it is pretty darn good," said Glenn Coach Todd Deluca. "What I would like to see from C.J. is more consistency to allow him to do that all of the time. When he wants to, he can turn it on and be very good and he needs to get in the habit of doing that. He has to want to be great all of the time."

He was great on Friday.

Woodford scored the first touchdown of the game on the Rockets' very first play. He weaved his way in from 20 yards out. Senior Victor Sanders nailed the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Glenn's defense set up the play. Senior defensive back Josh

reed intercepted Salem quarterback Heath Parling's tipped pass on the first play of the game.

Woodford added a 32-yard touchdown reception from senior quarterback Keshawn Martin at 6:21 of the first to give John Glenn a 20-0 advantage. Then he broke loose from Salem tacklers for a 15-yard score with 2:13 left in the first quarter. He wouldn't score again until the 6:15 mark of the third, when he caught an out pass from Martin and scampered 10 yards and somersaulted into the end zone. Glenn was in full control, 40-0.

Senior running back Ryan Lopez—who was also crowned homecoming king at halftime—scored twice in the outing. He made it 13-0 at 7:43 of the first frame with a four-yard plunge. He also opened the second half with a 21-yard run at 9:39 of the third to make it 33-0.

Sanders capped off the scoring with a 37-yard field goal with 5:46 left to play. Junior running back Harry Bello finished out the ground game for the Glenn, recording 33 yards in the last five minutes of the game.

Marvin Thomas scored Salem's lone goal on a 22-yard jaunt as time expired in the third quarter.

"John Glenn is very good and we knew that coming in," said Salem Coach Parker Salowich. "We told our kids that they had to play a perfect game too—as much as I hate have to say it—



Glenn senior running back Ryan Lopez crosses the goal line for a Rocket touchdown in the 43-6 homecoming victory on Friday night. Lopez was also crowned homecoming King at half time. Photo by Jeff Novak

hang with them, but you do. Glenn isn't going to beat themselves. Coach Deluca does a great job and the kids are so well prepared. He really has something special going here. We had to play a perfect game and we didn't. That's what ultimately caught up to us."

Deluca was ultimately pleased with the outcome and obtaining the team's second consecutive win this season.

"We talked about starting a winning streak after last week," he said. "It is something we haven't done around here in a long time. It feels good to start one. We talked about winning out the rest of the season to get to the playoffs, too—that's something that the kids want. We have to go back to work and make it three in a row so that dream can stay alive."

The win improved Glenn to 4-

3, which gives the Rockets a chance at the playoffs if they win their next—and last—two games. The Rockets host the Franklin Patriots at 7 p.m. tomorrow in a Western Lakes Crossover game. Then they head to the Wayne Memorial for the Wayne-Westland City Championship game at 7 p.m. next Friday.

Salem faces off against Plymouth for its homecoming bout at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Un-Patriotic

The Northville Mustangs fell to the Franklin Patriots, 14-7, in their homecoming campaign on Friday night. Northville remains winless at 7-0. After a scoreless first quarter, Franklin jumped on the board first when Mark McRobb returned an interception 25 yards for a touchdown. Jesse Carpenter kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead at 8:22 of the second frame. Northville answered less than minute later when Andrew Devine broke free for a 60-yard rushing touchdown. Max Bojovic evened the score with the extra point. The third quarter was a stalemate. Then, at 9:17 of the fourth quarter, Carpenter connected with Brian Humenay for a 23-yard winning touchdown. Carpenter also added the point-after. Right, Northville's Andrew Devine bowls over a Franklin runner.



Vikings sack Ecorse, 54-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Sometimes, actions speak louder than words.

That was the case on Saturday afternoon when Inkster sacked Ecorse for its fifth shutout of the season and seventh consecutive win, 54-0.

Derrick Coker got things started for Inkster when he returned the opening kickoff 75 yards before he was taken down at the Ecorse two-yard line. Senior quarterback Aaron Shavers plunged in for the score just 24 seconds into the contest. James Dellah kicked the extra point.

Coker snagged a 13-yard touchdown pass from Shavers at the 8:01 mark. He also ran in a two-point conversion after Jonathan Taylor caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from shavers with 4:14 left. Just 18 seconds before that Aaron Mitchell snuck in for a one-yard score.

Josh Reed nabbed an interception with 1:39 left in the first quarter. Denzel Richmond found pay dirt two plays later on a 48-yard jaunt, leaving 42 seconds in

the first frame. Inkster had a 35-0 lead and only 12 minutes had clicked off the clock.

Mathew Hogue carried the ball in for a one-yard score at 6:42 of the second. Josh Williams scored on a nine-yard run at 7:06 of the third. Then Willis Thomas rounded out the scoring with a six-yard score at 4:50 of the fourth.

Inkster has scored 300 points in seven games for average of 42 per contest. The team has only allowed 26 points in seven games—less than four points per outing. The defense has only given up one offensive touchdown this season.

The victory wasn't a statement for Ecorse, though. Inkster hopes their record and actions during the last several weeks speaks volumes to the Vikings' next opponent—cross-town rivals Dearborn Heights Robichaud. Robichaud is 6-1 on the season. They average 31 points a game, only give up an average of 12, and have posted one shutout.

The Vikings host the Bulldogs at 1 p.m. on Saturday for Inkster homecoming.

SPORTS

Water works

Undefeated Belleville diver aims for record

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's safe to say that Belleville senior Chelsea Hardrick is 'wet behind the ears,' but not because she is naïve.

The four-year diver and a captain on the varsity swim team is undefeated in the Mega White for the second straight season and has high expectations—not to mention the ability—to make it through the regional competition and advance to the state championship—a feat she missed last year by just one point.

Beyond that, her sights are set on a goal much more grand. She wants to go where no other Belleville diver has gone in the last 15 years—the top of the records board.

Lori Vicchy set the record of 233 points back in 1982. It has

remained untouched since.

Hardrick inched closer to the record when she hit the 205 mark near the end of last season. She hasn't broken past that barrier yet, but with the combination of some new dives, hard work and dedication, that elusive carrot is just in reach. Her current high

score of 205 already places her number six on the top-10 list of Belleville's best divers. She said that's not good enough.

"I want to stay undefeated and to break that record—those are my

goals for this season," Hardrick said. "But to get there I have to perfect my dives a little more. Lately, I've been messing up some of them and I need to get them perfect to get where I want to be."

Belleville diving coach Debbie McWilliams said an undefeated record; regionals; states; and breaking the record are all feasi-

"She is a great kid and I really enjoy working with her. She is really coachable and the mental attitude is there."
Debbie McWilliams



Chelsea Hardrick readies for a dive during practice last week. She has her sights set on the Belleville diving record. Photo by Jeff Novak

ble goals.

"I really want this for her," she said. "She is a great kid and I really enjoy working with her. She is really coachable and the mental attitude is there. She's somebody that, as a coach, you really love to work with. She has a great attitude. She never gets down and always wants more for herself."

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Hardrick, currently undefeated in the Mega White, hopes to beat Lori Vicchy's 233-point record set in 1982.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg-to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-276

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 10, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Required.

07-277

3B. Motion by Crout, supported by Burcroff to recognize The Midwest Highland Dance Association as a nonprofit organization in the City of Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan.s

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-278

4A. Motion by Burcroff supported by Bragg to concur with recommendations of attorney Raymond Guzall III to proceed as directed with the Comcast Franchise Agreement.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-279

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution congratulating St. Aloysius Catholic Church on the rededication of it’s newly renovated church on Sunday, October 7, 2007, located at 37200 Neville Street, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-280

4C. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution congratulating Kenneth and Linda Choate on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-281

4D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Leo Paul Liss, father of Cathy Freitag.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-282

5A1. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of DST Owner Joe Lewo.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-283

5A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with Tom Wilson, DPW Director to authorize the emergency repair of Fire Engine E-4 by R&R Fire Truck Repair, cost not to exceed 3,500.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-284

5B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-36:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND				
Expense				
101-1210-712.74-85	Mayor's Motor Vehicle Rental	0	10,200	10,200
101-3110-731.74-85	Police Motor Vehicle Rental	335,088	16,754	351,842
101-3210-732.74-85	Ordinance Motor Veh Rental	5,517	276	5,793
101-3310-733.74-85	Animal Control Motor Veh Rental	9,408	470	9,878
101-3410-734.74-85	Fire Motor Vehicle Rental	71,142	3,557	74,699
101-3910-739.74-85	Building Motor Vehicle Rental	29,724	1,486	31,210
101-5110-751.74-85	Recreation Motor Veh Rental	12,940	647	13,587

101-5160-751.74-85	Sr Sves Motor Vehicle Rental	8,626	431	9,057
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	2,189,218	(33,821)	2,155,397
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND				
Revenue				
661-0000-410.66-70	Rental Revenues	1,385,229	33,821	1,419,050
Retained Earnings				
661-0000-395.00-00	Unrestricted Retained Earnings	466,427	33,821	500,248

To adjust the 06/07 budget by the increased estimates for motor vehicle cost as presented with the approved 07/08 budget

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-285

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-07:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Community Development Block Grant				
Expense				
252-2250-722.85-14	Sr. Ctr Constr 06-24-03A(P1)	0	4,400	4,400
252-2250-722.85-55	Sr. Ctr.Constr 06-24-03A	0	236,000	236,000
252-2250-722-85-56	Sr.Ctr Constr 06-24-03AR	0	1,016	1,016
Revenue				
252-2250-512.50-10	Grant Revenue-Federal	280,000	237,016	517,016
252-2250-512.50-20	Repayment of Liens	64,400	4,400	68,800

To move unused CDBG grant monies in the 06/07 budget to the 07/08 budget for a debt payment due November 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-286

5D. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-08:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Community Development Block Grant				
Expense				
252-2250-722.85-16	Sr. Ctr Constr 07-24-03A	240,000	400	240,400
252-2250-722.85-21	Sr. Minor Home Rep 07-24-14A (P1)	0	28,460	28,460
252-2250-722-85-22	Admin Sves 07-24-21A	0	1,600	1,600
252-2250-722.85-18	Sr. Chore Sves 07-24-05A (P1)	33,000	(26,340)	6,660
252-2250-722.85-19	Housing Rehab 07-24-14A01	40,000	(2,000)	38,000
252-2250-722.85-20	Admin Sves 07-24-21A (P1)	11,000	(2,120)	8,880

Fund Balance				
252-0000-390.00-00		17,196	0	17,196

To re-allocate the 07/08 CDBG program budgeted amounts according to up-date received from Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-287

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-09:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-3410-734.80-10	Fire Dept. Capital Outlay	56,000	338,040	394,040
Revenue				
101-2410-712.54-44	Assistance to Firefighters Grant	0	338,040	338,040

To set up accounts for a 2007 “Assistance to Firefighters Grant” in the Fire Department’s budget. The 10% required local match of \$37,560 will come from the Fire Department’s existing capital outlay budget making the total grant amount to be \$375,600.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-288

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Phil Wagner, Deputy Fire Chief and adopt a resolution accepting the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grand award to the City of Romulus in the amount of \$375,600.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-289

6A1, Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to schedule a Study Session to discuss the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Committee on October 1, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

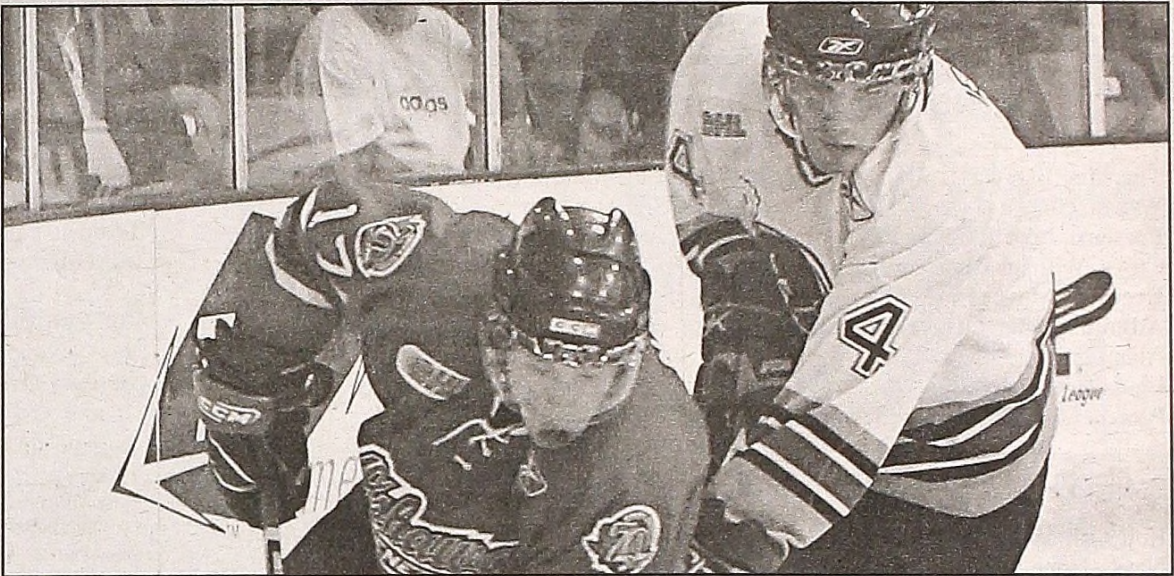
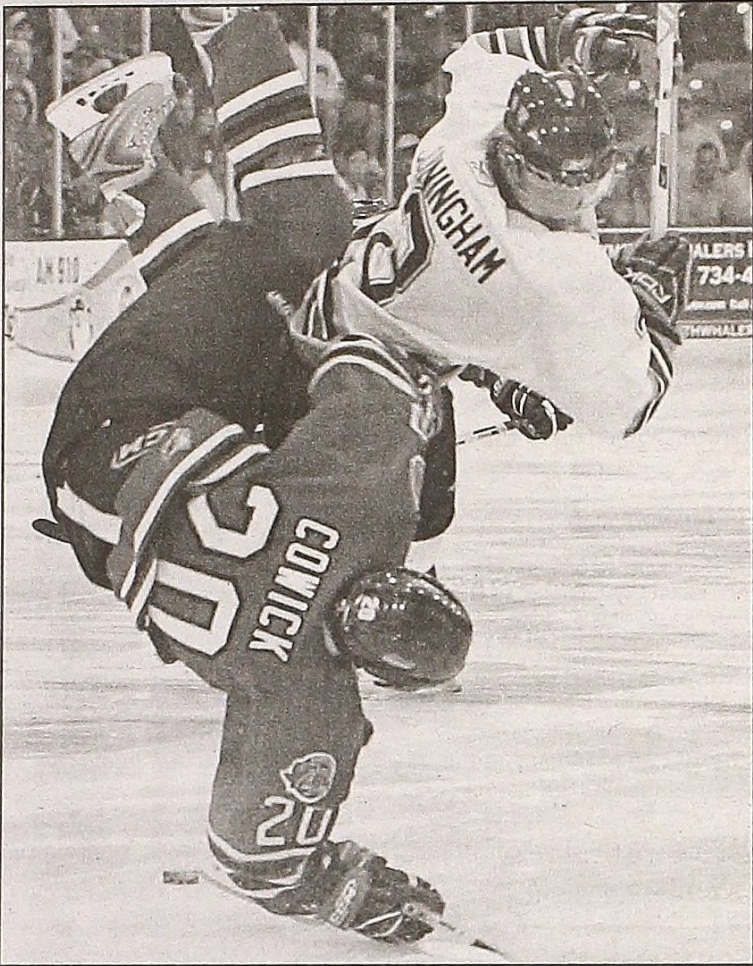
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6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported Crout to approve the request of Future Tool and Machine, Inc.-Tool and Die Recovery Zone that the State of Michigan designate Future Tool and machine Inc, a Renaissance Recovery Zone for a duration of up to 10 years.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-291

11. Motion by Burcroff supported by Barden to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-18 in the amount of Eight Hundred,



Whalers beat Oshawa, 5-2

The Plymouth Whalers won their second game of the regular season on Saturday when they knocked off the visiting Oshawa Generals, 5-2. Plymouth had five different goal scorers in the game. AJ Jenks and Andrew Fournier scored in the second period and Joe McCann, Kaine Gilbert and Taylor Carnevale all scored in the third. Rookie Tyler J. Brown earned his first career point on an assist to Jenks. Plymouth defender Wes Cunningham had the toughest job of the night. He shadowed Oshawa's John Tavares, who has nine goals with six assists in six games. Cunningham denied him any points. David Jarram and Brett Parnham scored in the third period for the Generals, ruining Plymouth goalie Jeremy Smith's shutout chances. The Whalers are on the road until they host Windsor at 7:05 pm on Friday, Oct. 19. Left, Wes Cunningham upends Oshawa's Corey Cowick. Above, Plymouth's Leo Jenner (4), battles Oshawa's Kory Nayg (17). Above, Jeremy Smith makes a save in the team's second straight win. Photo by Ken Garner

Diver

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She knows, though, that if she doesn't break the record it's not the end of the world."

Hardrick didn't start her diving career until she was a freshman fresh off of the gymnastics mat. The high school doesn't offer gymnastics so that made her look for something else. When she would go to her older sister Courtney's swim meets she would watch the divers and say that she could do that.

She quickly realized it wasn't that easy. "It wasn't as easy as it looked and took a while to get use to it," she said. "It is completely different than gymnastics technique wise."

She now admits that she likes diving better despite an occasional close call. As a sophomore she was a fraction too close to hitting her head on the board on a reverse dive. It spooked her but didn't stop her.

"I had to get right back up to finish the meet but I didn't want to do that dive," she admitted. "I'm still scared of them, but I do them."

She gets extra reps training with the Wyandotte Dive Club, too. There she gains

another advantage as she scopes out a lot of the competitors she will face off against come regional time.

In her spare time Hardrick is a varsity cheerleader; a cheerleader instructor to the 8-to 10-year-old Cougar squad; studies in the high school's video and graphics program; and is a mentor to the other divers on the team.

"She's really nice and gives constructive criticism very well," said 15-year-old sophomore diver Jackie Davis. "She's a good mentor. She shows us how to do the dives before we do them and they're all perfect. When I'm a senior I want to be like Chelsea."

Even if Hardrick doesn't break the record, she wants to go on to college. So far, she's piqued the interest of the coaches at the University of Finley in Ohio and Oakland University. There's even some interest brewing around Eastern Michigan University.

"I do want to dive in college if I can get a scholarship," she said. "I'll still want to even if I don't get a scholarship."

Those who don't know the name Chelsea Hardrick, especially those in Belleville, better get used to it because may be forever emblazoned on the record board at the swimming pool.

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(\$875,390.74).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully fully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 24, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 11, 2007

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LETTING BID NUMBER 07/08-09 CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on November 9, 2007. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on November 9, 2007 in the City of Romulus Community Room. (lower level).

FOR SALE CITY OWNED PROPERTY

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET LOCATION	LOT SIZE
Part of 142 99 0004 000	Eureka	200 x 493 +/-

BID PACKETS may be picked up at the City of Romulus Assessor's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm standard business days.

Publish: October 11, 2007
October 18, 2007

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL 46425 TYLER ROAD

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider establishing Industrial Development District Number 20 and to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for NEAPCO Driveline, 6735 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

Part of: V125-83-002-99-0026-704 described as:

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: October 4, 2007
October 11, 2007

BUSINESS

Harmony and Me Classes offer infants, children head start on music development

Kenneth Powers
Staff Writer

Children are never too young, and parents are never too old to enjoy music. Enjoying it together can strengthen family bonds and give children a head start on learning to play musical instruments.

That's the belief of Melissa Bila Regan, a music instructor, who is teaching Harmony and Me music classes in Canton. Regan said she uses concepts from Music and Me, an internationally based music program.

Regan said that her program helps develop children's, from infant to pre-school ages, ability to play musical instruments. The program also encourages them to make music with songs, chants, and instruments. Parents must attend the classes with their children and an instructor guides both of them through the lessons.

Regan also said that the purpose of her program is to identify children who are musically gifted as well as give average students a chance to appreciate different styles of music at a young age.

"This program is designed for parents and their children. Everyone has musical abilities and we want to develop their skills," she said.

Parents and children who enroll receive two CDs, a songbook and a music book.

Regan's children, Brennan, 9, and Julia, 6, were enrolled in the classes as toddlers. She said that both of them currently sing and act in theater musicals.

"My program gave them the foundation for what they are doing today. They were able to develop their talent at an early age," she said.

Before Regan taught music, she worked as a registered nurse. She decided to pursue her passion for working with music and children when she became a music teacher for Farmington Public Schools.

After working in the schools, she taught music classes in Farmington where, she said, parents were very receptive to the music program.

"It was fabulous working in Farmington. Parents decided to return year after year. Many of them heard about us through



Parents and children enjoy the Harmony and Me classes available in Canton Township.

word of mouth," she said.

Regan is currently working to develop her own clientele at Harmony and Me at 7311 North Lilley Road near Warren in

Canton.

"I'm trying to let people know that it's a unique program. You can't find many places where parents and young children can

learn music together," she said.

More information about Harmony and Me can contact Regan at (248) 489-9330 or visit www.HarmonyAndMeKids.com.

Total Pet Supplies opens new Michigan Avenue facility

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's a dog's life for Mike Jones. The 36-year-old businessman from Westland has spent the better part of the summer renovating a long-vacant building on Michigan Avenue in Inkster for a new pet food and supply store.

And, for a nominal fee, he's even offering to build a dog house for any resident that lacks an adequate home for Fido.

"I'm a carpenter by trade, and I can build several dog houses a day," he said from his

When I came here, there were parts all over, and there was quite a bit of work to be done. I gave the building a facelift, and I'm planning on working on the parking lot.

new store, Total Pet Supplies, at 28664 Michigan Ave. at Springhill Street. "I plan on being a one-stop shop for dogs and their owners."

Those same skills Jones uses to build the doghouses came in

handy when the former freight company operator made a deal with the owner of a vacant structure that used to be an automotive parts warehouse. The structure, however, had been vacant for three years when Jones first

expressed interest in the building."

"When I came here, there were parts all over, and there was quite a bit of work to be done," he said. "I gave the building a facelift, and I'm planning on working on the parking lot."

"I've put my heart and soul into this store," he added. "I want it to look good."

Businesses like Total Pet Supplies, which made a vacant building viable again, have been sought by the city to transform Michigan Avenue. For his part, Jones said he chose Inkster because he saw an improving business picture on Michigan Avenue.

"The restaurant next door is going to re-open, and things are really improving," he said. "I thought the location was a good one."

Pet supplies – once entirely the domain of small business owners like Jones – has evolved into a \$40 billion industry in the United States in 2007, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturer's Association. The same study said that 44 million homes in the United States are occupied by one or more dogs – which are by far the most popular pet to own.

That growth – and the fact that people are more willing to pamper pets – fueled the proliferation of pet superstores in the 1990s.

Jones thinks that a mom-and-

pop pet store will be welcome despite the larger stores because he has much of the same merchandise, and he is competitive on price.

"We have the most popular brands that the big guys have, and we come in either the same or less (on price)," he said.

He also stocked up on supplies such as dog leashes, chew bones, squeeze toys, and health merchandise like flea powder. There is also a limited selection of cat and bird supplies.

On Jones' first day of business in August, he had only a handful of customers, but that number has steadily increased as drivers traveling on Michigan Avenue have noticed the store.

"I get people coming in after work, and before work," he said. "The number of customers is going up. We're hoping to still get more people."

He now has two employees. "We have a board up on the wall so people can picture their pets in and post them," he said. "I want to know more about them, and we encourage customers to bring their pet in."

Jones said he knows the business climate in Michigan is formidable, but said an overriding concern for animals in the city and beyond continues to motivate him.

"I'm absolutely willing to do what it takes to be successful," he said.



Mike Jones, a carpenter and owner of he recently-opened Total Pet Supplies, takes a break in his Michigan Avenue store.

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1. Obituaries



KOWALSKI, Carolyn, age 60 of Romulus died October 01, 2007. After a long hard battle with Crohn's Disease. Devoted wife of Richard Kowalski. Mother to Christopher Kowalski, Monica Kowalski-Boc, Philip Kowalski, Monique Kowalski-McNutt and Simone Kowalski. Grandmother to Shannan Kowalski. Mother-in-Law to Renae Kowalski, Keith Boc, James McNutt and Billie-Jo Stears. Family received friends at the United Community Methodist Church in Romulus on October 06, 2007. Cremation rites were accorded.



MADISON, Cathy Jean, age 60, died October 1, 2007. She was born March 27, 1947. Cathy leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of forty years, Percy A. Madison; four children, Dawn (Lonnie), Joseph (Jennifer), Laura (Jason) and Marie (Deryl); ten grandchildren, Olivia, Alec, William, Marcus, Knautica, Madison, Javonne, Zoelle, David and Loryn; one sister, Diane (Charles) Crockett; her mother-in-law; sis sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law and a host of nieces and nephews, and a loving dog "Diamond". Services were held at Romulus Community Baptist Church, Romulus, MI with Rev. Hiram McBurrows officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



NELSON, Andrea Faye, age 61, died September 26, 2007. She was born February 1, 1946. She leaves to cherish her memory John, her husband Of 43 years and her two

daughters, Rhonda and Monique; her mother Dorothy Thomas; four sisters, Diann, Darryn, Iteah and Alfeeria; two brothers, Morrison and Marcus; five grandchildren, Autumn, Madison, Paris, Lyric and Thomas; grand dogs, Trixie, Sugar and Trouble; sone-in-law Terrance; three brothers-in-law, five sisters-in-law, and a host of other family and friends. Services were held at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI with Pastor Arthur C. Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Garden, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



POOLE, Mary Joyance, age 69, died September 22, 2007. She was born September 8, 1938. She leaves to forever cherish her loving memory, four children, Deborah Leneice Poole, Willie Lewis (Patricia Ann) Poole, Sandra Denise Poole-(Lawrence L.) Kelly and Joyce Elaine Poole; four brothers and four sisters, Mahalia (James) Bailey, Robert (Willie Mae), George (Gladys), Percy (Cathy), Dorothy (Louis), Priscilla, Angel and Marvin (Jacklyn); nine beautiful grandchildren, Jamaal L. Poole, Latoria A. Poole, Demequa Poole, Roderick A. Poole, Whitney S. Poole, Jefferie L. Kelly, JoNathan L. Kelly, Anton C. Poole, Joi-Debranique I. Poole; nine great grandchildren, Allieck K. Adirika, JoNathan L. Kelly, Jr., Briyana Poe, Azaria A. Stoudmire, Jahmeil L. Kelly, MaKaylah A. Poole, Bryan Poe, Jamaal T. Poole and Darnell C. Robinson, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Services were held at Romulus Community Baptist Church, Romulus, MI with Rev. Tony Evert officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

PRIESKORN, Adeline, October 8, 2007 age 91 of Gregory, formerly of Canton. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Dallas (Ellie), Darwin (Pam) and Dwight (Doris). Grandmother of Robert, Chad, Jenna, Deric, Donna and the late Del Cody. Great Grandmother of Aubrey. Sister of Corabelle Fuson. Service Monday 1 pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday 1 - 9 pm. Memorials would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society or Arbor Hospice. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

RAYMOND, Margaret September 30, 2007 age 91 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Rumsey. Dear mother of Judy (Owen) Duke and the late Joanne (the late William) Adams. Grandmother of Leslie (Nancy) Duke, Darla (Tony) Chanda, Jay Duke, Terry Adams, Sandra (Mike) Schrieber, Victoria (Harry) Dean, Sharon (Marty) Smith and Lori (Richard) Peters. Great Grandmother of 18 Great Great Grandmother of 10. Services were held Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. The family requests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.

ROCHON, Helen T., of Belleville, passed away Tuesday. She was born October 8, 1926 in Detroit, daughter of the late Robert & Viola (Adams) Burns. She lived in Wayne before moving to Belleville over 20 years ago. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wayne and St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Belleville. Survived by her husband, Leonard A. Rochon, 2 daughters Catherine (Michael) Berard of VA and Ann Marie Kuneman of Northville, 2 sons Donald (Janet) Tontalo of East Lansing and Daniel Tontalo of Wayne, 6 grandchildren Michael (Cate) Berard, Christopher and Nicholas Kuneman, Joseph, Sarah and Stacy Tontalo, 2 sisters Elizabeth McMullan and Marie Conn, both of Ann Arbor, a brother Robert (Susan) Burns of TX. Preceded in death by her 1st husband Donald

Tontalo, also a sister Kathleen Osborn. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, October 6, 2007 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. Memorials to Heartland Hospice. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. davidcbrownfh@aol.com.

WENZEL, Marvin Charles, Sr. passed away Sunday, October 7, 2007 at his home. He was born January 12, 1942 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of the late Arthur & Alice (Agge) Wenzel, Sr. He was a life-long Belleville Area resident. He was a Gold Club Member of the Van Buren School District Senior Citizens. He enjoyed camping, watching football and loved fishing and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of over 44 years, Sherry L. (Miers-Michalek) Wenzel, three children Marvin C. Wenzel, Jr. of Ypsilanti, Kelly (Brian Cole) Wenzel of Belleville and Scott (Karen) Wenzel of Clarkston, MI, 4 grandchildren Erika Wenzel, Ashley Rayburn, Christian Cole and Emily Wenzel, a great-grandson Brayten Wenzel, 4 siblings Arthur T. Wenzel, Jr. of Manchester, Kentucky, Johnny W. (Ruth) Wenzel of Wayne, MI, Kae A. (Jay) Hartford and Richard A. Wenzel, both of Belleville, a sister-in-law Beverly Keller, also several nieces & nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral Thursday October 11, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME, Belleville. Interment in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, to the Belleville High School Football or Baseball Athletic Department. Please sign his guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Call
734-467-1900
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5. Announcements



Sending out God's blessing to Mother Jessie Mae Phillips who is celebrating her 90th birthday on October 12, 2007.

30. Help Wanted

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Position as follows:
Instructor-Auto Body Part Time-Days
Shift 2 M-F
11:20 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
Must possess a Permanent or Provisional Michigan Teaching Certificate or be eligible for Annual Authorization to teach in program area.
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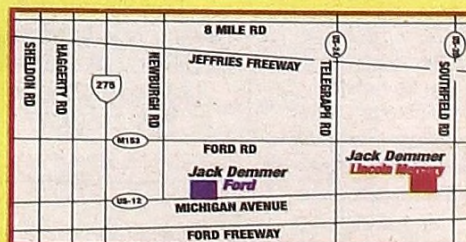
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